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**Government Response to the Great Depression:  Part I**

**Herbert Hoover** – “The Presidents” History Channel series

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**Rugged Individualism**

“I intend... to discuss some of those more fundamental principles upon which I believe the government of the United States should be conducted....

During one hundred and fifty years we have builded [*sic*] up a form of self government and a social system which is peculiarly our own.  It differs essentially from all others in the world….

During [World War I] we necessarily turned to the government to solve every difficult economic problem…

When the war closed, the most vital of issues both in our own country and around the world was whether government should continue their wartime ownership and operation of many [instruments] of production and distribution.  We were challenged with a... choice between the American system of ***rugged individualism*** and a European philosophy…

The greatness of America has grown out of a political and social system and a method of [a lack of governmental] control of economic forces distinctly its own­ our American system ­which has carried this great experiment in human welfare farther than ever before in history.... And I again repeat that the departure from our American system... will jeopardize the very liberty and freedom of our people, and will destroy equality of opportunity not only to ourselves, but to our children....

**What are the main ideas of “rugged individualism?**



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**Government Response to the Great Depression:  Part II**

**Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR)** – “The Presidents” History Channel series

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**The New Deal:**

FDR proposes a “New Deal” for the American people with 3 goals (the 3 R’s)

**Relief:**

**Recovery:**

**Reform:**

**What role did FDR believe the government should play in the economy and citizen’s lives?**

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**Notes on the Election of 1932**

Did Hoover’s plan to fix the Depression work?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – 1932 (his fourth year in office, was probably the worst of the Depression)

-       The unemployment rate hit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1932

o   (It is currently at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, down from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 2009)

-       1929:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Motors employed 128,000 people

-       1931:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Motors employed 37,000 people

Because of failure to fix Depression, there was a great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with government and with business leaders

**“A hungry mob is an angry mob” – Bob Marley**

-       1932 saw more strikes than ever, as workers protested \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and reduced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-       Sometimes these strikes led to violence between labor organizers and business owners

-       As the situation in the country grows worse, some Americans were looking for more sweeping change than usual

**Heading into the election, the country was faced with political options:**

1. Stick with Hoover  (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:  trusts business to fix its own problems)

2. Choose Franklin D. Roosevelt (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: interested in reforming the government)

3. Vote for a radical group:  Communists and Socialists (change the system entirely by giving workers the power)

In the election, most people choose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who promised a “New deal for the forgotten man at the bottom of the pyramid”

Roosevelt (unlike Hoover) said that the government has “a duty to see to it that no citizen shall starve”

Results:

     Hoover: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

     FDR:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

     Radicals:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_